

Recd Nov 13th
Am — 23rd

Putnam

Cañon-City, Colorado;
November, 8th, 1874.

Dear Dr Engelmann;

I have been here now for over a month, and must say that I like it very well. The weather has generally been very good — clear and warm. 20 days during the month of October were clear and pleasant. The other 11 days were cloudy. It has rained 5 times and snowed once (Oct 31). We have had several "dust storms" which are very disagreeable to me. On a perfectly clear day the wind blows so strong as to raise vast clouds of fine (so-called) "alkaline" dust into the air so that even ^{from} the third storey I can not see 10 ft. I found Mrs Sheetz a very good hearted & kind lady. In looking about I was unable to find any place that suited me better, so I concluded to stay with



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Mrs Sheetz. She has already moved into the new hotel (The McClure House) and I have a south-^{east} room on the third floor. I have a stove in the room but it has been hardly cold enough for a fire except one or two days (Oct 30-31) when the thermometer went down to 28° in the morning. I rode up to the Cañon on that day, ^(Oct. 31) which turned out quite pleasantly. I enjoyed the ride very much and had no ill effects from it except my shoulders ached from wearing my heavy overcoat. Mr Brandegee has been very kind and attentive to me and I have taken quite a number of walks with him - the longest has been about four miles - much more than I seemed able to do at Empire. He seems quite an enthusiastic botanist but the season for both our labours has about closed. I have been a great deal more active collecting insects down here than I was at Empire. I have been in the habit



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to of spending by far the greater part of
each pleasant day out doors, strolling
about, picking up insects, fossils &c
I suffered for several weeks with a diarrhea
probably caused by drinking too much soda
spring water. I am all regular now.
I can hardly tell whether my cough is
better or worse. It varies ~~some~~ with
the weather & then I sometimes get
a little cold in my head. For several
weeks I had two kinds of cough. Until
I came here I always slept on my right
side but at the other house my bed
was so arranged that I had to lay
on my left side so as to expectorate easily.
My cough during the night (when I had any)
was the same as in daytime, but immediately
upon rising in the morning, the cough
changed & became very frequent and so
did the expectoration which was lighter
color & much thinner and had a very
different taste in the mouth. This kind



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Remember me
most kindly
to Mrs Engelmann
I hope her
hurd is now
fully recovered
I shall never
forget the
kindnesses
shown me by
both of you
while at Empire

of cough would last about 10 minutes (there being a dozen or more coughs). I do not have these spells now that I am sleeping on my right side again. I have lost 3 lbs since I came here from what cause I do not know. I have not taken any Cod Liver Oil since I saw you. Will begin again tonight. I make the bulk of my supper of bread and milk. Other meals I eat like the rest. The cooking &c has greatly improved since I came here & is now very fair. I have as yet done nothing about taking temperature of wells &c in fact I can't find any. I wish I had a good water thermometer. I shall be very glad to hear from you & any suggestions in regard to occupations will be cheerfully received and acted upon.

Very Truly Yours, J. Duncan Putnam



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Recd Febr 6
as Sept 9.

Cañon City Colorado

Tuesday February 2^d 1875

Dear Dr Engelmann;

It is now over two months since I received your nice letter of Nov. 23^d. I have been intending to write every day since but somehow did not get to do it. I have passed the winter very comfortably so far; have changed my boarding place so that I now have a room on the first floor and the sun from 11 AM to sunset, which is very pleasant. My general health has been very fair. Some days, especially if I have been ^{kept} in the house a good deal, I feel quite faint & enervated & sleepy but generally I feel very well and in good spirits and the more I am out of doors the better I feel. I have bought a nice pony and whenever the weather is



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pleasant enough I take a ride of from
one to six miles & enjoy it very much.
As to my cough &c I think it is much
better being less frequent & not so severe.
I catch a little cold every once in a while
^{I don't know how}
but it does not seem to affect my lungs
and goes off in a few days. My weight continues
about the same - 116 lbs going up to 118.
and down to 114 at times. I weighed 119 when
in Denver last fall and 124 when I left
home last spring - so I have been slowly
losing ever since I came west. On the whole
I think I have cause to be hopeful. There
are many persons here worse off (apparently) than
I am - some have died here & others have had
to go home. I was right sorry to learn of
the death of Dr Briggs soon after his arrival
in California. I have been amusing
myself during the winter in various
ways but have not tried to & have not
accomplished much of anything. I have
been collecting fossils & studying a little
geology but cold weather has put an



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end to outside operations but I expect to
resume again now that the weather is
getting warmer. I have kept a record of
the weather during the winter and
that has given me something to think about
Now I have got a good set of Green's
Instruments. Standard Ther. Maximum &
Minimum Wet & Dry Bulb & Rain Gauge
We had very pleasant warm weather
up to the 17th of December when we had
a snow storm and it was quite unpleasant
during the rest of the month. During
the first two weeks of January we had some
bitter cold weather - the thermometer ^{indicating} ~~said~~
to -6° Jan 8th, -12° Jan 7th, -4° Jan 12th, -12° Jan 13th
 -15° Jan 14th, and $+44^{\circ}$ at 7 AM Jan 16th a change of 59° in
24 hours. On Jan 17th the thermometer was 4° at
7 AM.; 44° at 2 P.M.; 56° at 4³⁰ P.M. and then dropped
to 15° at 9 P.M. - one change of 52° and another
of 41° all in one day. Since then with
the exception of a few very warm days
the weather has been quite cool and
tolerably pleasant though we have had



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two light snowfalls. A west wind nearly
always is warm while the winds from
the E. & N.E. are generally cold & unpleasant.
A change of wind produces a marked
& sudden change in the weather. I think
I will sometime make a copy of my record &
send it to you. I wish I had a Barometer
to make the observations more complete.
I have lately been employed in getting
advertisements &c for a new newspaper
that is to be started here. I may take
an interest in the concern only I am
afraid my health is not good enough yet.
However it gives me something to do.

I have taken three bottles of Cod Liver Oil
this winter & guess I will continue to take it
for a while longer. Have a very good appetite.
Remember me most kindly to your wife.
Shall always be glad to hear from you Jan

Truly Your Friend
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I see Mr Beaudette infrequently
= once a week or so



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I wrote to you about a month ago but have not yet heard from you. Mr. Brinkley is off money for a month or so. I have also collected a good many fossils during my stay here but my kindest regards to Mrs. Engelman

Rec^d March 19

Apr 9

Cañon City Colorado

Friday, March 12th 1875

Dear Dr. Engelman,

Winter is about over

and I am feeling much better and stronger than I did last fall. I think now I am going to come through the winter all right. I lost about 5 lbs during the first three or four months I was here but I have now gained it all back again and am still gaining. My appetite is generally good and I am feeling very well in all particulars except that every once in a while I will catch cold slightly. It usually however takes the form of a cold in the head with a severe headache which soon passes off in a day or two. My cough, I think, is much better than it was last fall but it seems to



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semewhat dryer and much less frequent
but my thought is quite tender ~~is~~ that
tobacco smoke &c will bring on a hacking
cough. I have to keep clear of smokers
which is hard to do as some men in this
country seem to regard it as a perfect
right to smoke in any body's parlor
nomatter who is in. I have passed the
winter very well so far and now
as to what is best for me to do here
after. I am expecting to join Dr
Parry and spend the summer and
next Winter in Attah but he will
not go out there until June. In
the mean time I am little undecided
about my plans but expect to remain
here until the first of April at
least and then will probably go up
to the vicinity of Denver to spend
April. In May I would like very
much to make a short visit home
if I do not run too much risk in
so doing. What do you think about



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it? This will probably be my last opportunity for another year. Please excuse me for writing so much about myself. I have managed to amuse myself in some way so as to make the winter pass pleasantly, though it was dreary to look forward to & is dreary to look back upon. I began taking Meteorological observations soon after my arrival here in October & have kept them up ever since. I enclose a copy of the monthly means which may be of interest to you. The observations up to January 27th were made with a common tin thermometer rather poorly exposed in a doorway. At that date I received a set of first class thermometers from James Green. He sent me two standard thermometers, a pair of Maximum & Minimum, a pair wet & dry bulb and a rain gauge also a pocket thermometer. These I have exposed under a shelter like those



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used by the Signal Service from a North
west window, so that the instruments can
be read without raising the window. I
have wood & leather cases for them so they
can be carried on a journey with out
difficulty. If you can make any suggestions
as to special observations to be made &c
I should be very glad to do what I can
I feel considerable interest in Meteorology
& should like to understand it better
I can probably get Dr. Perry to take his
Barometer to Utah & so more complete obs.
can be made. I have taken the temperature
of the cold soda springs several times
the lower one being pretty constant at 53°
while the upper varies from 54° to 56° . Deep
wells are very scarce about Cañon. I
one on Mr. Shepherd's place two miles from
Towa which is 80 ft deep with pure
soft water. The Air was 57° Water 53° Will
take the temp. of others when I find
them. Hoping to hear from you soon
I remain

Very Truly Yours

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Rec'd April 26th
a May —

Canon City Colorado
April 21st 1873

Dear Dr Engelmann

Just a line to acknowledge
your kind letter of April 9th. as I am going
to start up to Denver tomorrow morning
& have a good deal to attend to today
I feeling very well indeed and have been
in excellent spirits all spring with the
prospects of a visit home and a trip to Utah
with Dr Parry before me. I think my cough
is considerably better but still is bad enough
I was much interested in your remarks
in regard to the temperature of the winds
I have prepared a table showing the average
temperature of the wind from each direction
It proves the truth of what I before stated
viz. that an East wind brings cold weather
& a west wind warm weather. I have not
time to copy the table to day but will
do so as soon as get home. The late warm
weather we have been having however
seems to be accompanied with an east



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Mrs Shatz sends her best regards. She is succeeding very well in her new house.

wind. There is no barometer here of any account. I wish I could have had one during the winter. I am beginning to feel a very great interest in Meteorology, & have a good many questions to ask. I will write again soon.

After spending a few days in Denver & Boulder I will go directly home where I will await Dr Parrys return from the east & then proceed to Utah. I hope to make a large collection of insect there this summer. I shall endeavor to give St. Louis a visit while I am East. I have never been there. Give my best regards to Mrs Engelmann. I was pained to learn through Dr Parry that she met with another accident - I hope nothing serious

Yours Very Truly

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Rec^d July 21st
Dec 5

Spring Lake Villa, Utah
July 14th 1875

My dear Dr Engelmann

I feel quite
ashamed for not writing sooner in
answer to your very kind note of
May 29th.

I inclose a Table of the Winds at Canon
City Col. which I think may interest
you as it shows the average temperature
and humidity of each wind & also
the kind of weather brought with
it. I have also added such other data
as I was able to. You will notice that
most all our cold & stormy weather came
with an easterly wind. While the
clouds moved almost always from
a westerly direction.

Here in Utah the clouds come entirely
from the S.W. but it rarely rains.
I also send you a table showing
all the monthly means while at Canon
City. I believe I have sent you



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all except March & April before
One feature curious to me is the very
near correspondence between the means
for February and March. I calculated
the daily mean by adding the three observations
and dividing by three but I believe it is
now customary to double the 9 o'clock obs.
and divide by 4. Your suggestions in regard
to sitting, walking, & in doors days seem
to me good & observations of that kind
would be of considerable interest

I have begun a series of observations here
The weather seems to be exceedingly regular
& gradually becoming warmer. The Maximum
& minimum of each day last week being
nearly 80° & 60° . Certainly not a very
objectionable state for July. Today is
the warmest we have had 90° & still
rising but there is a pleasant breeze
so we do not suffer. It is awfully
hot in the sun here. I sometimes
wish I had a Solar Radiation Thermometer



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here, but I never fully understood its principles

I have done tolerably well collecting insect since I came here nearly two weeks ago. One day I visited Utah Lake & got over 600 beetles on a Salt Mud Flat in quite a short time. My health seems as good as I could expect better than it was during the winter & immensely better than it was at Empire City last fall. I spent about 7 weeks at home & although the weather during May & June was very changable yet, with the exception of spitting up a little blood one day, I constantly seemed to improve. I took Cod Liver Oil all the time I was home but have not taken any since. It is quite distastful to me this hot weather & seems to take away my appetite. My cough does not seem nearly so bad as it did & since coming here my appetite has improved.



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very much. Yet I still seem to lose
a little in weight. But it may be
a difference of scales or clothes or something.
Dr Parry is out here with me but he
has gone for a few days into the
mountains. The Apricot Peach & Plum
trees are fairly loaded - the branches
often reaching the ground. They will
begin to ripen in a few days. We are
boarding here with the principle Mormon
family in the vicinity. The living is pretty good
but things generally are rather primitive. Our
landlord has I believe 5 wives & 42 children
& is not satisfied yet. Each wife seems
to keep house by herself so we do not have
anything to do with but one of them.
Give my very best regards to Mrs Engelmann
& tell her how much I miss those
walks & talks in Empire. Believe me

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Rec^d April 5
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Davenport Iowa
April 2^d 1876

Dear Dr Engelmann.

It is really too bad I have neglected so long to write to you, and I always feel so happy when I get a letter from you. We have had a very mild winter here and I have stood it very much better than I expected. In fact on the whole I feel better, more lively and in better spirits than I have any time since I was taken sick. Never the less I have gained nothing in flesh, that sciatica still lingers beneath the surface but not to pain me, and occasionally I have attacks of diarrhoea which seems to have become somewhat chronic. I have had plenty to do and keep me busy all winter. I make it a point to go to the rooms of our Academy of Science every morning - so I always get out that much anyhow, when the weather I stay out as much more as I



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can. As I wrote you before our Academy
has commenced printing its Proceedings Vol. I
As I seem to be the most active member
the work is almost entirely under my
charge - rather a new experience to me!
I generally have to spend about an hour
each day correcting proofs and sometimes
another hour seeing that the "copy" is all right.
It will make an octavo volume of about
250 pages and 35 lithographic plates mostly
illustrating Mound Relics etc. This has been a
very agreeable occupation for me and takes up
most of my mornings leaving the afternoons
to do as I please, work over my insects etc. I
have had plenty the latter to do and
more than plenty yet to do but I take it
easy. Thanks to Mr Ulke my Coleoptera are
all determined and labeled over 900 species
from N.A. & 500 exotic. Mr Cresson has just
returned my Hymenoptera 273 species with
a list & descriptions of two new species. One of
these - a pretty little bee - he names for me
Nomada Putnamii - my first namesake. I got
two new species of beetles last summer at Utah Lake
which DeLongte has described as from Salt Lake



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and don't give a particle of credit. I have picked
out the Lepidoptera myself. I find I have
a good many rare species from Colorado
and Utah. I have sent the doubtful
specimens to Mr Strecker for determination
so I hope to have a good list in our
book. Dr Hagen determined the Neuroptera
for me and kept the specimens.

The Hemiptera and Diptera I have not
yet touched and I have considerable
of a collection. It has been my intention
to make a special study of the Arachnida
I have as yet only made enough of a
beginning to find them lots more interesting
than I supposed they would be. I feel
the need of a good microscope very much
but I was badly sold on one I bought
several years ago I want this time to
get some experienced person to select
one for me. Can you get such things
in St Louis? I could not in San Fran-
cisco. I have been promising myself
a trip to St Louis for a long time
and hope yet to do so before long.
Father promised to take me in the



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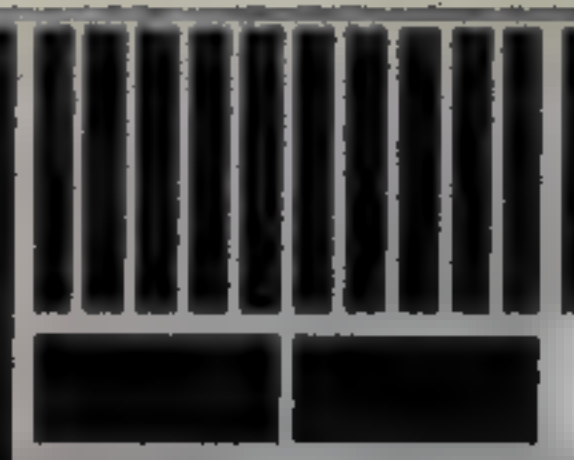
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latter part of February on a trip to Mexico
thence across to the Pacific and home
by way of California. But! he was elected
President of another Bank & immediately
the Cashier confessed he was a defaulter & resigned
leaving the entire charge of the bank on my
Father, No easy task for anyone much
less one with a large law practice on his
shoulders beside. So this broke up my Mexico
Trip. & I have fixed on no other as yet
Mother has been pretty well and has taken
a pretty active interest in raising funds
for our Publication which will cost nearly
\$700. The ladies gave an entertainment in
a Public Hall Feb. 22^d and during the night
it took fire & burned a large amount
of property they had borrowed for the
occasion leaving them a debt of \$1000
to pay. This has all been paid every cent
and there is still nearly \$600 left for the book.
Georgie & Bessie are both well and going to
school. Johnnie is well except his eyes are
as bad as ever. He has Mother teach him his
lessons and recites at the High School. So you
see I do not lack for something to do besides
watching the hands of my watch go round as I did
in Colorado.

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Remember me with pleasure
to your kind wife!

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Academy of Natural Sciences.

Davenport, Iowa, Sept 26th 1876

Dear Dr Engelmann

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of our "Proceedings." Dr Parry has just been here & made a correction in his paper. He seems very well this fall & is busy with Dr Palmer in fixing up his collections. My own health has not been better for over two years and I start tomorrow morning with Mother Georgie & Bessie to make a trip east. I expect to go to Poughkeepsie New York Cambridge Philadelphia Reading Washington &c. I shall of course take it easy. I have been very busy or I should have written you before this. I have some photographs I intend to send to him. I have had the entire getting up of the Proceedings to do & have had to do all the distributing too. So you can see I have been pretty busy but it has agreed with me & I have



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gained in weight and strength. The book
seems to be well received by everybody
which is much more than I hoped for.
Dr Parry has got a letter from Johnson
at Spring Lake Utah a friend of whom
he dug a mound at Payson & found a vessel
containing wheat some of which he planted
& germinated producing a different kind
of wheat from any he knew.

Remember me most kindly to your
wife and son, & with best wishes for
your health and happiness I remain

Yours Truly

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Rec^d Nov 16th

Gallopont, Iowa

November 14th 1876

Dear Dr Engelmann.

We arrived home Saturday morning after a very pleasant journey. This trip has been of the greatest benefit to me - both mentally and physically. I made many valuable acquaintances and learned a great deal of useful information, and then I gained 10 pounds in weight. I now weigh 122 pounds which is more than I have done before since March 1874. I have been gaining steadily ever since about the time your son visited us in August. Previous to that time I had been constantly losing ground. Travelling seems to agree with me splendidly.

I can never tell you how much I enjoyed my visit at Prof Crag's. I ~~almost~~ hated to go away. To Mrs Engelmann and Mrs Crag I can never express the



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the gratitude I feel to them for their great kindness to me. In fact I have experienced nothing but kind treatment from every one. After leaving you at Cambridge I spent a very pleasant morning with Mr Burgess and Emerson at the Boston Society of Nat. Hist. Here Mother met me and I went with her to dinner in ^{Charlestown} ~~Cambridge~~ and in the evening we took the night train to New York & arrived at Parrytown early next morning where we found Bessie waiting for us. We spent a few days with some kind friends in Brooklyn and then went to Philadelphia where we staid about a week with a very nice Quaker lady on Marshall St. I went out to the Centennial grounds but twice, & came to the conclusion that it would be very foolish for me to attempt to see it. I enjoyed my visit in Philadelphia very much however & met several of the Entomologists Le Conte Horn



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Cresson, McCook &c and attended a
meeting of the Academy. Mother was
beginning to feel anxious to get home
so we spent but three days in Washington.
Had a pleasant visit with Prof Henry
at the Smithsonian & Mr Foreman. As
the Agricultural Dept everybody was away
I enjoyed my visit with Mr Ulke
and his Coleoptera very much. We
stopped a day in Chicago on our way.
The Chicago Academy expect soon to begin
publishing their Proceedings. I hope they
will. Our Academy has done very well
& has received a considerable number of
valuable exchanges. I hope - and expect
to get out another number of Proceedings
perhaps not a complete volume but
enough to show we are alive.

I have some photographs I have been
intending to send your son for some
time. They are up town & I will try to
do them up tomorrow or next day. I hope



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he will not forget those pots he promised
Mottet also wishes me to enquire about
some whiskey you was going to send. I
should like to get some of good quality
The weather here just now is miserable
To Mrs Engelmann give my most grateful
acknowledgements, and believe me

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Academy of Natural Sciences.

J. DUNCAN PUTNAM,
Corresponding Secretary and
Chairman Pub. Committee.

} Davenport, Iowa, March 6th 1877.

Dr. George Engelmann

St Louis, Mo.

Sir: I have the honor to
notify you that you were duly elected a Corres-
ponding Member of the Davenport Academy
of Natural Sciences, at a meeting held on
July 28th 1876 Please acknowledge
the receipt of this notice.

Very Respectfully

J. Duncan Putnam

Corresponding Secretary.



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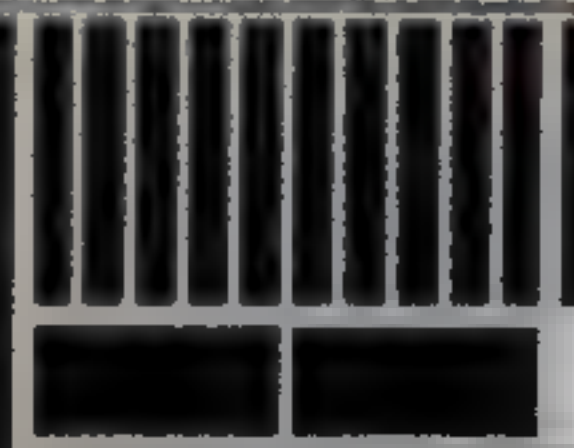
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Davenport March 7th 1877

Dear Dr. Engelmann

As you will see by the enclosures, I am still alive and at work - for I could not live if I was now doing some thing. I was very unwell nearly the whole of last month with an attack of erysipelas in my leg - it was the most severe and painful illness I remember ever to have had, but I have overcome it though of course I am pretty weak in my legs. My principle trouble this winter has been dropsy - certainly an improvement on the diarrhoea I had last winter, but still quite annoying for it prevents me taking as much exercise as might be good for me. My lungs seem in better condition than for three years past and there is never any indication of hemorrhage. Then I am in excellent spirits - for how could I be otherwise with so many blessings as I have been favored with this winter. I seem to have been born under a lucky star. Our Academy of Science has been particularly successful this winter and of course that pleases me for I feel that I am a piece of it. In January we made the most remarkable discovery of inscribed tablets in the mounds ever known &c. The cabinet has been nearly doubled the last 3 mos. and best of all Mrs Newcomb presented us unconditionally with a fine lot on Brady St worth \$4800 and though less than a week ago we have already nearly \$2000 pledged toward the building. We have already begun the printing of Vol II



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of our Proceedings and I have an entire charge of
the work. It is a very pleasant occupation for
me. This volume will be better in every respect
than the last one was.

In my entomological work I have not
done very much this winter, but am now
at work on the Solpudidae - a peculiar family
of Arachnida allied to the scorpions. Only two
species have been described from the U.S. and
I have both. These were imperfectly described by
Say in a foot note in Lenz's Exp. to Rocky Mts. I
find them very interesting.

I have been intending to write to your son
for some time to thank him for the pots
he sent the Academy and to tell him about
the recent archaeological discoveries, but he
must come up and make us another less
hurried visit. As soon as the ground is thawed
out our members will begin a thorough
exploration of several of the mounds of this
vicinity.

Often do I recall the pleasant visit we
had with Dr. & Mrs. Gray. It was one of the
greatest pleasures of my life. Please give my
best regards and good wishes to Mrs. Engelmann.
I hope that she is in good health and that
sometime we may again see each other and
take some more of those pleasant walks. It
would afford us all the greatest pleasure to
have you make us a visit at our home.

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This has been a splendid winter & better than Colorado!!



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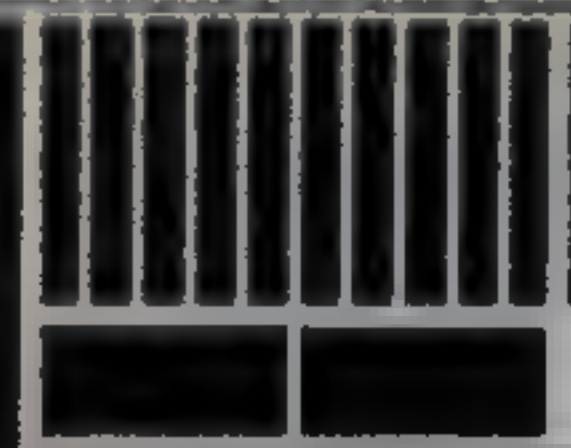
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J. DUNCAN PUTNAM,
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Chairman Pub. Committee.

Davenport, Iowa, June 6th 1878

Dear Dr. Engelmann

I have the pleasure to send to you today a proof of the plates of Lilium Parryi drawn by Mr. Kronen for our Proceedings. They were drawn on prepared paper with lithographic crayon and then transferred to the stone, but the transferring was carelessly done so that they had to be touched up a good deal on the stone. I wish to have quite a number of entomological plates, and these I will draw myself directly on the stone. During the past year I have given a good deal of attention to the bark lice and have traced the development of two species quite completely - I have also been studying the N.A. Polypugidae & have some interesting material - several new species & as I wish I was with Dr. Parry in Mexico so that I could study their habits & development as they are almost totally unknown. My health is better than for many years past & I keep very busy all the time. I have



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everything connected with the correspondence and publications of the Academy to attend to - and this work is constantly increasing. But there is considerable satisfaction in it especially when we know the Academy is a complete success as far as it goes. It is certainly the most "popular" institution in the city - of whatever nature & that is saying a good deal for a town like Davenport. But our greatest lack is scientific workers & they seem to be awfully scarce everywhere in this part of the world. However I think the forthcoming number of our Proceedings will compare very favorably with the preceding numbers. We shall be very glad to have you contribute to it - especially a paper based on Dr Parry's collections would be acceptable. I hear quite frequently from Dr Parry - who is getting quite homesick & ~~wishes~~ as if he would soon start home. Father & Mother would be much pleased to have you and Mrs Engelmann visit us in our home at Woodlawn. I should like so much to see you both, and may get down to St Louis at the time of the A. A. A. S. meeting. We might bring our "Enscribed Tablets" down at the same time. They might interest the archaeologists & even remove the doubts of some as to their genuineness. I hope the meeting will do something towards awakening a more lively interest in the St Louis Academy. With my best regards to your wife and son, I am
Truly Your Friend

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Recd Sept 24
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Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences

Davenport, Iowa. Sept 22 1878

Dear Dr. Engelmann

I have just returned from seeing Dr. Parry - the second time since you were here. He was, somewhat exhausted after our visit on Thursday and was a little feverish Thursday and Friday nights but when I saw him yesterday (Saturday) he appeared to be feeling better. Today he complained of not feeling so well as yesterday though Mrs. Parry says he slept better last night. He continues following your prescription - I hope and expect he will come out all right - I wish it could be before I start for the east which I ought to do early this week if possible. I will see Parry again tomorrow and will let you know his condition. I found him both times laying on the sofa - as on the days you saw him. Mrs. Parry thinks he will be a good deal better in a few days. I rode out today on horse back - 8 miles there & back so you see I am feeling very well. Friday was raw & cold but yesterday & today have been very fine. We hope to hear that you and Mrs. Engelmann have arrived home in safety. In haste Your Friend

J. Duncan Putnam



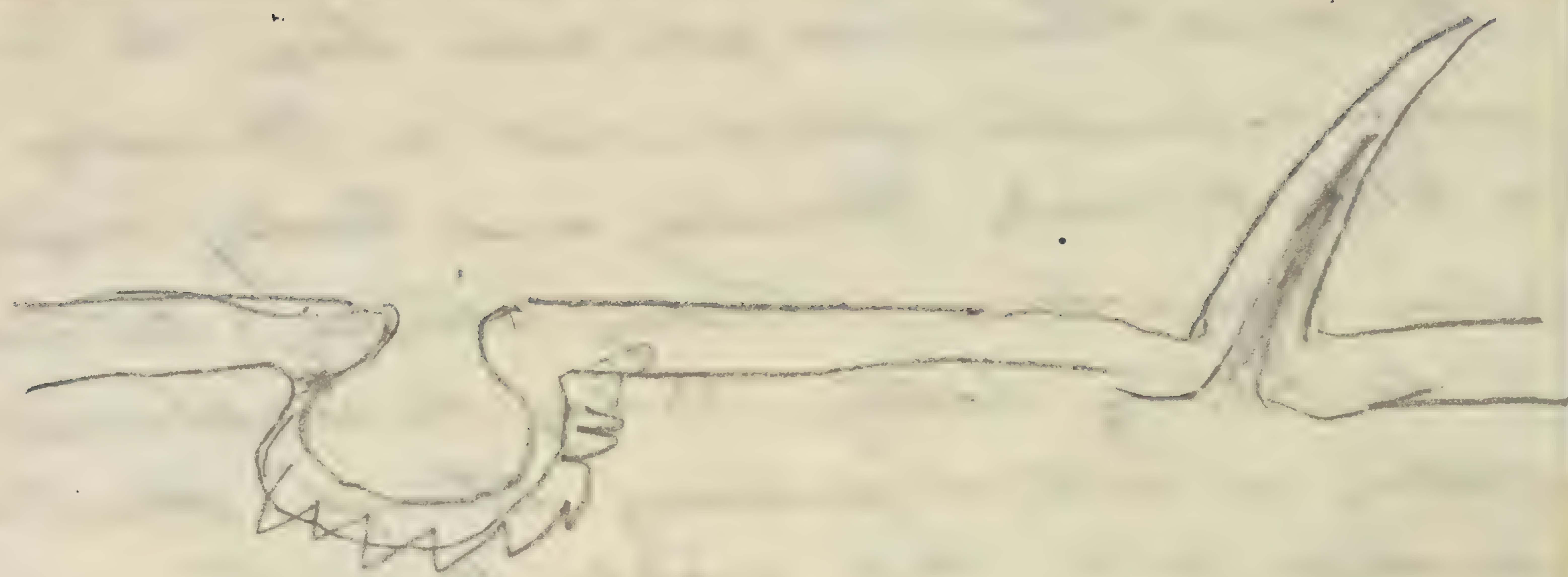
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Lavenport Sept 23^d 1878

Dear Dr. Engelmann

I went out to see Dr Parry again this morning. He was very much worse last night ~~but~~ kept in bed today. He appeared to me better this morning than he was yesterday. He ~~saw~~ no physician until this morning. Mrs Parry is very hopeful that he will not be sick very long, but we feel very uneasy. I do not like to go east until he begins to improve some.

Sincerely Yours Friend

J. Duncan Putnam



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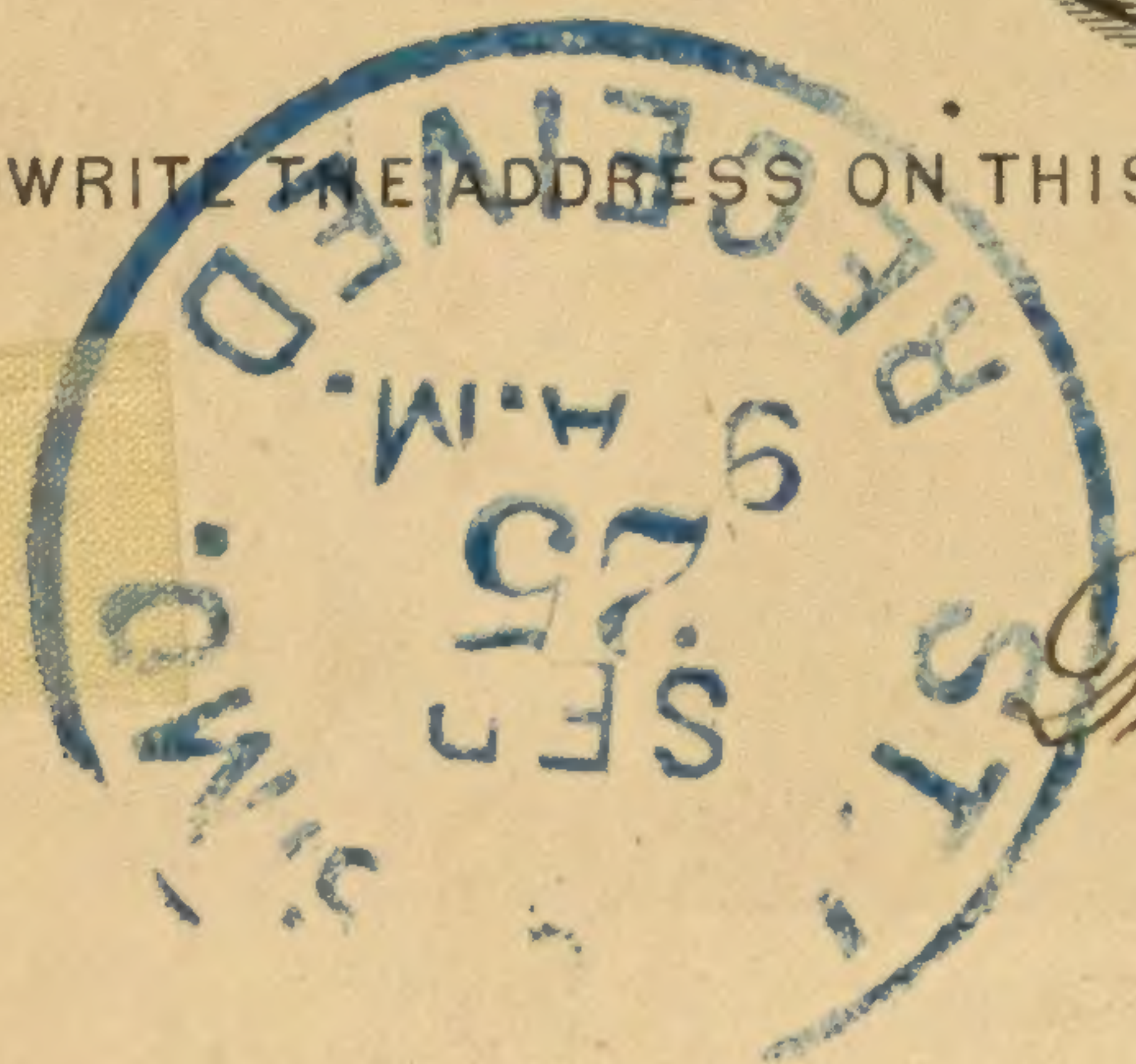
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Dec. 2

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Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences

Davenport, Iowa. Sept 30th 1878

Dear Dr Engelmann

I am glad to be able to write to you of Dr Parry's great improvement. For three days last week we were very uneasy about him. I have never known of his being so sick before. He was forced to keep his bed and have a doctor so that Friday he was able to be up and yesterday walked out a little. He expects to come down town today. The doctor says he must not do any work this week, but, like me, I fear he is uncontrollable except when very weak. He has heard from his boxes but they will hardly get through the quarantine at Brownsville before Nov. 1st.

I am glad you had such a pleasant trip and we all hope you will come & make us another visit when Dr Parry is not so sick. We are all very well and there is no let up of grapes yet - 600 pounds a day ever since you were here. & plenty left. With best regards to Mrs Engelmann

Sincerely Your Friend

J. Duncan Putnam

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J. Duncan Patterson, Corresponding Secretary
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San Francisco, Nov. 20th 1878

Dear Dr. Engelmann

I am glad to be able to write to you
of Dr. Parry's great improvement. For three days
last week we were very much about him. I
have never known of his being so well before.
He was forced to keep his bed and have a
doctor so that finally he was able to be up
and yesterday walked out a little. He seemed
to come down town to stay. The doctor says
he must not do any more this week, but
like me, I fear he is somewhat nervous
when very much. He has been in his
box for the last few days and through the
interference of Dr. Parry's illness before Nov. 1st.
I am glad you had such a pleasant trip
and we all hope you will come & make
us another visit when Dr. Parry is not
so sick. We are all very well and there
is no let up of grapes yet - 100 pounds
a day ever since you were here & plenty left
with best regards to Mrs. Engelmann

Yours truly

J. Duncan Patterson



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